



Owner:

Karma Guys, LLC

Architect:

Community Design Studio, LLC (CDS)

General Contractor:

R. L. Price Construction

Completion Date:

2009

Project Highlights:

Studio Roanoke resides in a newly-preserved 1920's-era building in downtown Roanoke, VA. Now a 'Black Box' performing arts theater, Studio Roanoke is a local non-profit organization dedicated to new, exciting, and innovative theatrical works.

Over the decades, the historic building has been altered and modified in a numbers of ways to suit its various occupants. However, the most recent renovation process restored nearly all of the building façade to its original condition, while leaving a place for a new storefront to announce the Studio's nontraditional and dynamic approach to theater.

The box office and gallery/lobby area were created using local materials in unconventional ways. The 75-seat performance space occupies the full width of the building and nearly 14 feet of unencumbered height, allowing for an easily adaptable performance space that also ensures audience members have a positive and complete theatre experience. The backstage area provides for typical theatre workings, storage and a new three-story stairwell, while the second story incorporates a rehearsal area and actors' "green room."

The design process was a collaboration with the building's owner, Studio Roanoke, Hollins University professors, Roanoke City, and Community Design Studio.



New lobby



Performance area with stage set



Before



After